REMARKS

Consideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 26, 28, 29, 33, 34, 37 and 38 remain in the application. Claims 3, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18, 19, 21-25, 27, 30-32, 35, 36 and 39-42 have been cancelled. The claims have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency that had existed in many of the claims and to avoid the U.S. government surcharge for applications with multiple dependent claims.

Early and favorable action on the claims is solicited.

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